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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 68-87 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 68-87 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 28 July 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ .
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>0728</u> .	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____ .

Detailed Action

1.) Claims 68 and 78 are objected to for containing typographical errors. In the last two lines of claim 68 and in the last line of claim 78, the term “position section” appears to be incorrect. Probably positive section was intended. Applicant should correct or clarify this situation.

2.) The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

3.) Claims 68-87 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The two independent claims 68 and 78, are both drawn to power supplies which include a “bi-directional, free wheeling circuit” in parallel with the gap between the welding electrode and workpiece and which both further include a center tapped inductor. Claim 78 further includes two large capacitors connected in a specific manner. None of the embodiments disclosed in the original specification have all of these features. Only the embodiment of figure 1 shows the bi-directional freewheeling circuit, but this embodiment does not disclose a center tapped inductor as claimed. The embodiments of figures 8 and 9 disclose center tapped

inductors, but these embodiments do not show the bi-directional freewheeling circuit in parallel with the arc gap as claimed. Note that figure 9 shows a bi-directional freewheeling circuit associated with elements 350 and 360, but this circuit cannot be considered to be in parallel with the gap between elements “E” and “W”. Claims 68 and 78 are therefore considered to be directed to new matter not disclosed in the original specification. The other claims are directed to new matter insofar as they depend from independent claims 68 and 78.

4.) The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the “bi-directional, free wheeling circuit” in parallel with the gap between the welding electrode and workpiece combined with the center tapped inductor as in claims 68 and 78 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

5.) The patent to Daspit (3,728,516) is cited to show a prior art switching mode power supply with center tapped capacitors, two switches, and center tapped inductors. The Japanese document no. JP64-53773 is a document cited in the parent case. The patent to Stava (6,600,134) is the patent that issued from the parent of the instant application.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Clifford C Shaw at telephone number 571-272-1182. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday of the first week of the pay period and on Tuesday through Friday of the second week of the pay period.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Thomas G. Dunn, can be reached at 571-272-1171. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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